IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Dkt.: 1721-46

Assistant Commissioner for Patents PTO Washington, D.C. 202 Date: January 14, 2002 Sir: Attached for filing is the patent application of: Inventor: ZOOROB et al. REAGENTS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING GENES Entitled: RELATED TO MAJOR HISTOCOMPATIBILITY COMPLEX OF DOMESTIC FOWL, SUCH AS CHICKEN and including attachments as noted below: Newly executed Declaration, ✓ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ✓ Abstract pages of specification and claims (including 9 numbered claims), and 17 110 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned. Attached is a Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications: **Application Number** Country Day/Month/Year Filed 97/14669 France 21 November 1997 PCT/FR98/02501 23 November 1998 , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.. Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. Certified copy(ies) filed on July 24, 2000 in prior appln, no. 09/554,911 filed July 24, 2000 Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. . filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a X continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/554,911, filed July 24, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/FR98/02501, filed November 23, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. The prior application is assigned to (1) C.N.R.S. and (2) I.N.R.A.. It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached. Applicant claims "small entity" status.

"Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee: Also attached: ✓ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ✓ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other: FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED Basic Filing Fee 740.00 Total effective claims 9 - 20 (at least 20) = n x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 x\$ 84.00 Independent claims 1 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 \$ 0.00 If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 **SUBTOTAL** 740.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract 0.00)SECOND SUBTOTAL 740.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED 740.00 Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.** Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: B. J. Sadoff, Reg. No. 36,663 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 BJS:eaw Signature:

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REQUEST

The Office is requested to use the computer-readable form of the Sequence Listing from the parent Application No. 09/554,911, which is the same as the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith as a part of the present application. No new matter has been added.

Nothing further is believed to be required with regard to the Sequence Listing however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if otherwise.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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